

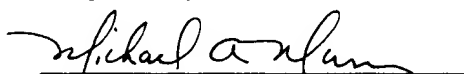
Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by Imai (US 6,344,891). Because claims 1-4 are cancelled, this rejection is also now moot. Furthermore, Imai does not anticipate or make the invention claimed in new claims 5-8 obvious. Imai teaches a paper liner adhered to a photographic sticker sheet. The paper liner can be easily peeled from the photographic sticker, which sticker remains sticky -- the adhesive layer of Imai remains with the sticker sheet (the photographic paper). In contrast, the present invention teaches a liner with an adhesive coating to which a releasable photographic paper is adhered and which photographic paper can be peeled from the paper liner without the photographic image becoming sticky -- the adhesive layer remains with the paper liner rather than with the photographic paper.

This difference between the present claimed invention and that taught by Imai renders the present invention novel. Moreover, it is not obvious in view of Imai. Nothing in Imai teaches or motivates those skilled in the art to provide the presently claimed article and method.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration. If the examiner disagrees, she is requested to contact the Attorney for Applicant at the telephone number provided.

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